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Antoine Frerot Chairman and CEO Veolia Environnement S.A. 36-38, Avenue Kleber 75116 Paris, France

Dear Mr. Frerot:

I am writing to you on behalf of one of my constituents, Mackenzie Souser, a 15year old young lady whose father was killed in the train collision that took place in Chatsworth, California on September 12, 2008.

Ms. Mackenzie sent a letter to you dated June 15, 2011 requesting that your company consider her personal situation as a result of this tragedy. In her letter, as well as in a follow-up letter dated July 11, 2011, Ms. Mackenzie has requested a personal meeting with you. Ms. Mackenzie has even stated that she is willing to go to your offices in Paris for the meeting.

I am disappointed that Veolia has not even shown Ms. Souser the courtesy of a response. As leaders of a corporation who espouse the values of safety and accountability, I believe it is critically important for you to personally meet with Ms. Souser.

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**Enclosures** 

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June 15, 2011

Antoine Frérot, Chairman and CEO Denis Gasquet, Senior Executive VP Veolia Environnement 36-38, avenue Kléber 75116 Paris, France Jérôme Gallot CEO Veolia Transdev/Veolia Transport 169, avenue Georges Clemenceau 92735 Nanterre cedex, France

Dear Mr. Frérot, Mr. Gasquet, and Mr. Gallot:

My dad, Doyle Souser, was killed at the age of 56 in the train wreck that occurred in Chatsworth, California on September 12, 2008 between a passenger train and a freight train. I am sure you know all of the details of this event that caused me to lose my dad when I was twelve years old. It is very hard for me and my family to understand why the people at Veolia Transportation and Connex who were in charge of the engineer Robert Sanchez did not do a better job of fully investigating and stopping his cell phone use, text messaging, and allowing teenagers to drive the train with him. The engineer's bosses knew of his unsafe behavior weeks before the crash and did nothing to stop it!

I am writing today to request a short personal meeting with you. With my dad's death, our family lost not only our best friend but also our entire financial support. I recently appeared with my mom, brother, and sister in court in Los Angeles and we learned that the fund that was created by Veolia Transportation and Metrolink is definitely not sufficient to compensate my family, the other families who lost their loved ones, in addition to all of the train crash survivors who have so many expenses because of the injuries they now have to endure.

I know you state that as a corporation, safety, responsibility and accountability are important to you. I would like to meet with you because I am concerned that Veolia's representatives in the United States do not fully understand the damage that exists for so many people as a result of the Chatsworth train crash. You have never met any of us in person. Could you please respond and let me know if you can meet with me and what the best location would be? Are you available the second week in July? If you cannot come to California, I can begin raising funds so that I could come to Paris and meet with you in person. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,
Mackenzie Squser

## MACKENZIE SOUSER 2408 PASEO NOCHE CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA 93012 (805) 482-7567

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July 11, 2011

Fax: +33 (0)1 71 75 10 45 Antoine Frérot, Chairman and CEO Veolia Environnement 36-38, avenue Kléber 75116 Paris, France

Dear Mr. Frérot:

My dad, Doyle Souser, was killed at the age of 56 in the train wreck that occurred in Chatsworth, California on September 12, 2008 between a passenger train and a freight train. The government investigation determined Veolia's engineer was sending text messages and caused the crash. I am wondering if you have had the chance to consider the letter I sent to you last month. Can you please let me know if you are able to meet with me? I will try to come to Paris if you are unable to meet in California. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,
Mackenzie Souser Souser